

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action dated November 6, 2006, and the careful consideration reflected therein. Applicants have carefully considered the Action and hereby amend the claim set in keeping with the Action to render the remaining claims allowable.

It was noted in the Office Action that claims 3-5 would be allowable but for their dependence upon rejected base claims. The notification of allowable subject matter is appreciatively acknowledged.

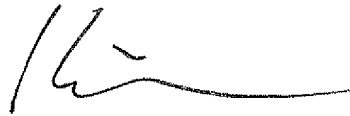
Claim 3 as previously pending was dependent from claim 1, with claims 4 and 5 depending from claim 3. By way of the amendments herein, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 3. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled. In addition, claims 4 and 5 have been amended so that they now depend from amended claim 1 rather than from cancelled claim 3. Finally, claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 are now allowable in keeping with the position set forth in the Office Action.

New claims 7-10 have also been added by way of this amendment. These claims are simply computer-readable medium adaptations of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 respectively, and it is respectfully submitted that these additional claims are patentable for the same reasons as those expressed above for claims 1, 2, 4, and 5.

*Conclusion*

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance, and request that the application be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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